Leicester, Sept. 28/58.

My dear Sir, -

I fell in with the foregoing passage, a few days since, (in a Review of the book in the Westminster Rev.); & have made a copy of the more striking part of it for future use. - It may be of some ~~use~~ service to you at your meeting on Saturday next, when you again commemorate the noble deed of the ~~men~~ people of Syracuse, in rescuing a brother man from the power of ~~the~~ a Kidnapping government. Its doctrine is highly pertinent to your occasion on that day. Indeed it would justify the rescuers of Jerry, had they gone much farther than they did. For they attempted no imprisonment of the kidnapper, nor any retribution upon him, for his villainous purpose, but only sought to deliver his victim, which they gloriously did. Their act was a most honourable and righteous one, and, with others like it, has taught our Government & country a lesson never to be forgotten. It will yet be vindicated, and gloriously adopted as their own, by the people of the United States. "Resistance to tyrants is Obedience to God;" - to "deliver him who is ~~spoiled~~ spoiled out of the hand of the Spoiler" ~~is~~ is the duty & the privilege of every honest man & lover of freedom.

I wish you would return to me the other

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half sheet, in excuse of a few days.

We were very sorry to hear, a day or two since, through Mrs. Alcott, that Cousin Lucretia was not better. We hope to hear of a favourable change soon. I am, affectionately, Your Cousin,

Sam[l] May Jr.

My wife sends her love to you all, — Louisa Alcott also sends love to Lottie & the rest.

I learn that C. C. Burleigh & C. L. Remond will probably be at your meeting, on their way to Ohio. —

Sam[l] May Jr.
Sept. 20. 1853

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